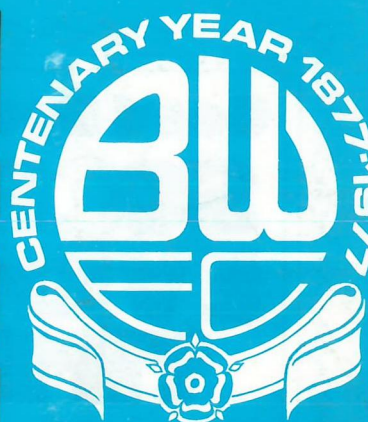


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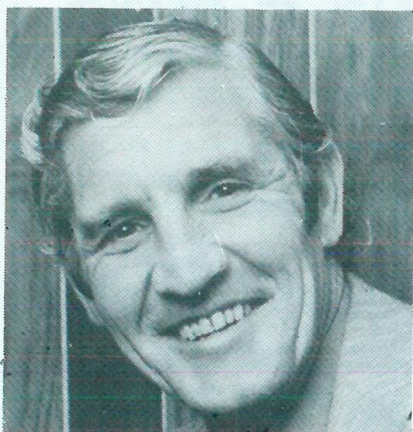
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at least a point, for we were convinced that the Neil Whatmore disallowed "goal" was a perfectly good one.

But that's how things go in soccer and incidents like this tend to even themselves up in the end.

Midfield player Peter Reid earned the plaudits for his performance in the England Under-21 European championship quarter-final second leg game in Italy last week.

Unfortunately, he will be missing from the National side when they play in Yugoslavia in next week's semi-final because of our important home game against Crystal Palace on Tuesday.

England boss Ron Greenwood rang me to ask me to explain the situation to Peter and complimented him on a fine performance in Rome which will have gone a long way towards establishing him in the forefront of the contenders for a senior England place.

Ian Greaves

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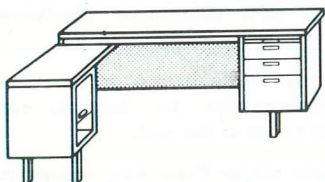
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MARTIN THOMAS (Goalkeeper). — Made his League debut last season at Charlton, when only 17 years 2 months old, and established himself this season as Rovers' No. 1 keeper. From Senghenydd, near Caerphilly.

MIKE BARRY (Midfield) — Skillful Yorkshireman signed from Carlisle United early this season. Born Hull, started career with Huddersfield. Has Welsh father, and qualified for Welsh Under-23 cap. Aged 24.

BOBBY GOULD (Striker) — Much-travelled 31 year old Midlander, whose transfers from Coventry, Arsenal, Wolves (twice), West Brom, Bristol City and West Ham reputedly cost £400,000. Signed in October from Wolves to bring class and experience to Rovers' front-line.

GRAHAM DAY (Centre Half) — Yet another local, aged 23, was with Bristol City as a schoolboy, recruited by Rovers as a part-timer from an amateur club four years ago, upgraded to full professional 18 months later. Spent two summers with Portland Timbers in the North American Soccer League.

STUART TAYLOR (Centre Half) — Rovers' most experienced player, having made over 500 appearances. At 6ft 4½in, this 30-year-old local product is also one of the tallest players in the League, and often goes up to support Rovers' attack for corners and free kicks.

BILLY FOREMAN (Midfield) — Havant born but reared in Oxford, he served his apprenticeship with AFC Bournemouth. Snapped up when Bournemouth scrapped this youth scheme two summers ago, he made his senior debut last season. Aged 19.

PETER AITKEN (Defender) — Penarth-born centre half. Can also play full back or midfield. Made three appearances for Welsh Under-23 side. Thought to be the Rovers' player most likely to attract a serious offer from a top club. Has been a regular first team squad member for the past four seasons, but still only 23.

PHIL BATER (Full Back) — Quick tackler from Cardiff, who made his debut shortly after Rovers reached the Second Division. Won Welsh Under-21 honours last season to add to the youth caps he earned while a Rovers' apprentice. Age 22, one of several Rovers players with his sights on a senior Welsh cap.

TONY PULIS (Defender) — Up-and-coming 20 year old former Welsh Youth international from Newport. Usually plays centre half but almost equally at home at full back or midfield. His family originates from Malta. Made his League debut while still an apprentice and already has considerable experience under his belt.

PAUL RANDALL (Striker) — Made a story-book entry into League soccer by scoring on his debut in this season's opening game at Cardiff . . . just eight days after becoming a professional. Born Liverpool, was a prolific scorer with Western League club Glastonbury last season. Aged 19.

FRANKIE PRINCE (Midfield) — Former Welsh Under-23 defender, who has filled a midfield berth for the past four seasons. Born and bred in Penarth, he was a colleague of Welsh skipper Terry Yorath at Cardiff Central Boys' Club before becoming a Rovers' apprentice in 1964. Now aged 28, he has over 300 appearances to his credit.

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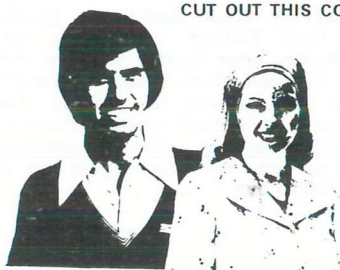
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Today's Visitors

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So when Mr Megson left for the USA Rovers immediately elevated coach Bobby Campbell to the boss's chair — with astonishing results.

In one run Rovers were beaten only once in 11 League games. And they stormed their way into the fifth round of the FA Cup, Southampton being among their victims in that competition.

So what was Mr Campbell's magic formula for success?

"All I did was to encourage them to attack more, to take chances and to play with less fear", smiled Mr Campbell, who had served the club for several years as coach.

Rovers approached the Easter games with an unbeaten run of eight games. It came to an end when Tottenham beat them 3-2 at Eastville and this reverse set Rovers into another downwards plunge as they lost successive away games at Crystal Palace (0-1), Southampton (1-3) and Oldham (1-4). They got back to winning ways again by beating Millwall 3-1, in the match that was played at Portsmouth when Millwall's ground was under suspension and last Saturday they ran up an impressive 4-1 victory over Sheffield United.

Victory over Millwall was Rovers' second away League win. A few weeks before they won at Blackburn (1-0). Rovers drew at Cardiff (1-1), Sheffield United (1-1), Brighton (1-1), Fulham (1-1) and Luton (1-1).

A catalogue of defeats saw them fail at Blackpool (1-3), Orient (1-2), Charlton (1-3), Burnley (1-3), Tottenham (0-9), Sunderland (1-5), Stoke (2-3) and Notts. County (2-3) before their recent reverses at Palace, Southampton and Oldham.

Rovers won 1-0 at Sunderland in the third round of the FA Cup and then ousted Southampton 2-0 in the next stage at Eastville. They were unlucky not to beat Ipswich at the first

attempt in the fifth round when the First Division side equalised four minutes from time. Rovers lost the replay 0-3 at Ipswich.

Young Martin Thomas has established himself firmly in goal this season and the back four usually comprises Stuart Taylor and Graham Day in the middle with Phil Bater, or Peter Aitken, and David Williams on the flanks.

The midfield selection will probably be made from Mike Barry, who joined the club from Carlisle this season, Tony Pulis and Paul Hendrie, or David Williams who has been playing both in defence and midfield.

Paul Randall, who has made such a remarkable impact this season, will almost certainly be filling one of the striking positions, probably alongside Bobby Gould. This time last year Randall was the assistant manager of a Somerset supermarket. He scored on his League debut at Cardiff in August and he is now the club's leading scorer with 19 goals.

The much-travelled Gould scored a hat-trick on his debut for Rovers in October and has now netted 11 times.

Forward Dave Staniforth has been suffering from a troublesome injury which has kept him out of the side for long periods this season.

The Rovers club was founded as The Black Arabs in 1883 and played under the titles of Eastville Rovers and Bristol Eastville Rovers before adopting their present name in 1898.

They became one of the original members of the Football League Division Three (South) in 1920 and remained in that section until gaining promotion to the Second Division in 1953.

By 1962 they were back in Division Three but they gained promotion again in 1974.

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In recent years Rovers have usually been fighting against relegation but, under Bobby Campbell's new policy, they hope to keep free of those problems this year.

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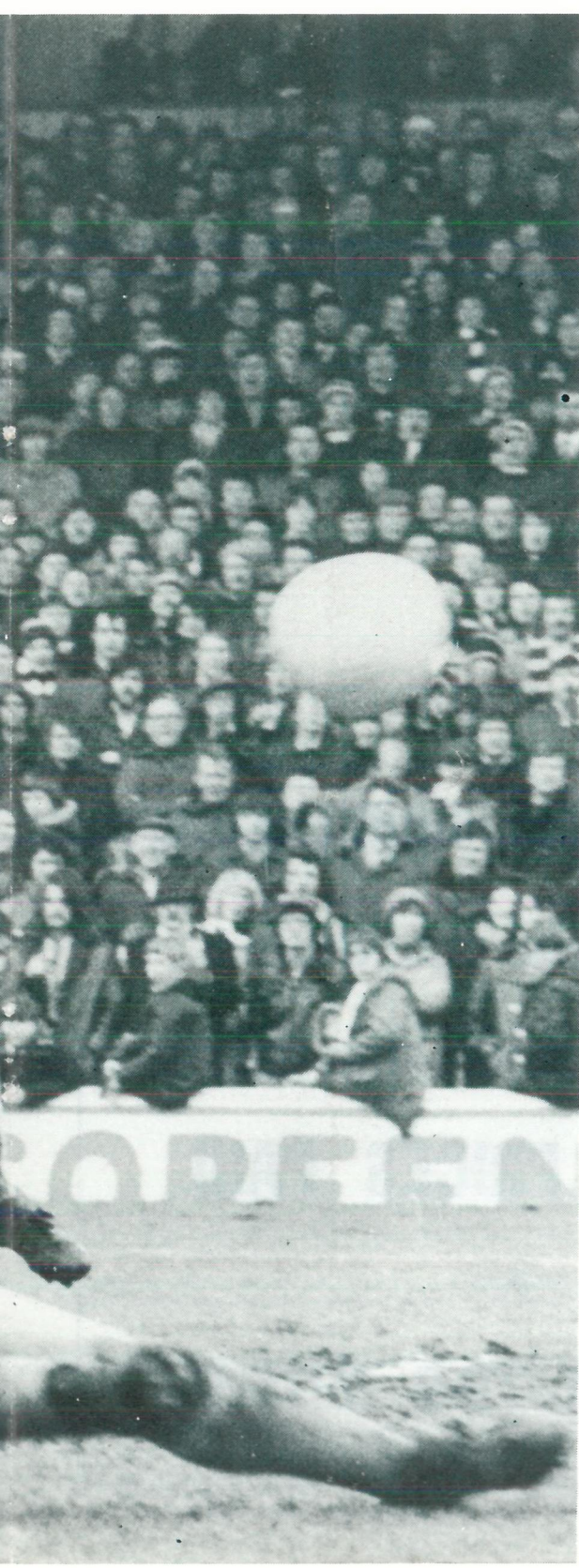
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Southampton	38	15	2	2	42	14	6	8	8	23	21	52
BOLTON WANDERERS	37	14	3	1	34	14	7	6	6	23	18	51
Brighton	37	12	5	1	37	19	6	6	7	15	16	47
Blackburn	38	12	3	4	32	14	4	8	7	21	37	43
Oldham	38	9	9	2	31	19	4	5	9	20	31	40
Sunderland	38	9	6	4	30	16	2	10	7	27	37	38
Stoke	38	12	3	3	34	15	3	5	12	14	29	38
Luton	38	11	4	5	34	18	3	5	10	18	29	37
Blackpool	37	7	8	4	33	21	5	4	9	21	29	36
Fulham	37	9	8	3	32	18	3	4	10	14	27	36
Crystal Palace	37	7	6	5	23	18	4	8	7	19	23	36
Notts County	37	9	9	1	33	20	1	6	11	15	34	35
Charlton	37	10	6	4	35	25	2	5	10	17	36	35
Sheffield United	38	12	4	3	37	21	2	3	14	21	49	35
Burnley	37	8	6	4	27	17	4	4	11	19	38	34
Bristol Rovers	37	9	7	3	36	21	2	5	11	20	45	34
Cardiff	37	10	6	2	29	21	0	6	13	16	44	32
Orient	35	6	9	2	24	18	1	6	11	11	27	29
Hull	38	6	6	7	23	23	2	6	11	10	24	28
Millwall	36	3	8	5	14	19	3	6	11	25	37	26
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Aug.	20	Burnley	1-0	14,716	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Graves
"	23	MILLWALL	2-1	14,874	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Graves, Allardice
"	27	SHEFF. UTD.	2-1	16,840	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Reid, Whatmore
"	30	LINCOLN CITY LC2	0-0	11,467	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Waldron
Sept.	3	Hull City	0-0	10,106	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Whatmore
"	10	OLDHAM	1-0	16,033	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Whatmore
"	17	Sunderland	2-0	30,364	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Whatmore
"	24	Crystal Palace	1-2	23,604	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Whatmore
Oct.	1	STOKE	1-1	20,799	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Worthington
"	4	BLACKBURN	4-2	18,240	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Graves (2), Reid, Allardice
"	8	Brighton & H.	2-1	27,430	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Reid, Graves (pen.)
"	15	MANCHESTER	2-0	18,937	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Worthington (2)
"	22	SOUTHAMPTON	2-2	27,296	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Graves, Allardice, Whatmore
"	25	PETERBOROUGH UTD. LC3	3-1	14,990	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Graves (pen.), Whatmore
"	29	LUTON	2-1	20,113	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Morgan, Worthington
Nov.	5	Oxford	1-1	7,547	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Graves (pen.)
"	12	CHARLTON	2-1	15,977	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Whatmore Wood (o.g.)
"	19	BRISTOL Rovers	1-0	7,870	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Waldron
"	26	TOTTENHAM (1)	1-0	32,266	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Graves
"	30	LEEDS LC4	1-3	33,766	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	G. Jones
Dec.	3	Fulham	0-2	8,162	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	P. Jones (2), Reid, Walsh, Whatmore, Morgan
"	10	CARDIFF CITY	6-3	16,090	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Whatmore
"	17	Charlton (2)	1-2	12,800	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Whatmore
"	26	NOTTS CO.	2-0	22,647	1	3	4	12	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Allardice, Whatmore
"	27	Blackpool	2-0	25,789	1	3	4	12	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Worthington, Whatmore
"	31	Millwall	0-1	6,720	1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	12	Whatmore
Jan.	2	BURNLEY	1-2	26,334	1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	5	Graves (pen.), Whatmore
"	7	Tottenham FA3	2-2	43,731	1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	5	Ritson, G. Jones
"	10	Tottenham FA3 Replay	2-1	31,314	1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	5	Whatmore
"	14	Sheff. United	2-1	22,603	1	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Whatmore
"	21	HULL CITY	1-0	18,256	1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	12	Reid, Whatmore
"	28	FA4 MANFIELD	1-0	23,830	1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	12	Reid
Feb.	18	Oldham A	2-2	20,810	1	4	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	12	Whatmore
"	25	Stoke City	0-0	19,280	1	4	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	12	Whatmore
"	27	Middlesbro (5)	0-2	36,662	1	4	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	12	Whatmore
Mar.	4	BRIGHTON	1-1	21,405	1	4	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	12	Whatmore
"	7	SUNDERLAND	2-0	20,972	1	4	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	12	Whatmore
"	11	Manfield T. (6)	1-0	12,329	1	12	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Whatmore
"	18	STH MPTN (LCF)	0-0	23,770	1	12	4	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Whatmore
"	21	Luton Town	1-2	8,306	1	2	4	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Whatmore
"	25	BLACKPOOL	2-1	20,506	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Whatmore
"	27	Notts County	1-1	15,718	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Whatmore
April	1	ORIENT	2-0	17,957	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Whatmore
"	8	Tottenham (SF)	0-1	50,097	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Whatmore
"	15	BRISTOL ROV.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	18	CRYSTAL PALACE	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	22	Cardiff City	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	26	Blackburn Rovers	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	29	FULHAM	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
May	6	FA Cup Final	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

CENTRAL LEAGUE

1977-78

		F	A	Pts.
1977				
Aug.	20—BURNLEY	1	2	0
"	27—Everton	1	2	0
Sept.	3—SHEFFIELD UTD.	4	0	2
"	10—Nottingham F.	1	3	2
"	13—LIVERPOOL	1	1	3
"	17—WEST BROM. A.	1	0	5
"	20—Huddersfield T.	2	2	6
"	24—ASTON VILLA	2	0	8
Oct.	1—Stoke City	2	2	9
"	5—Newcastle Utd.	1	1	10
"	8—Preston N.E.	1	0	12
"	18—WOLVES	1	0	14
"	22—MANCHESTER C.	2	4	14
"	29—Liverpool	0	1	14
Nov.	5—COVENTRY CITY	2	2	15
"	12—Sheffield Wed.	1	4	15
"	19—DERBY COUNTY	0	0	16
"	26—Leeds Utd.	2	3	16
Dec.	3—MANCHESTER UTD	2	3	16
"	10—Blackburn R.	0	1	16
"	17—BURY	1	1	17
"	26—Blackpool	1	0	19
"	28—HUDDERSFIELD T.	0	2	19
1978				
Jan.	2—Burnley	0	4	19
"	14—EVERTON	1	3	19
"	11—West Brom. A.	0	3	19
"	18—Aston Villa	0	1	19
"	25—STOKE CITY	4	1	21
Mar.	11—Wolves	0	1	21
"	18—Manchester City	0	1	21
"	22—Sheffield Utd.	3	1	23
"	25—Bury	2	4	23
"	27—BLACKPOOL	2	0	25
Apr.	1—Coventry City	2	1	27
"	5—SHEFFIELD WED.	2	1	29
"	8—LEEDS UTD.	3	1	31
"	15—Derby County			
"	22—BLACKBURN R.			
"	25—NEWCASTLE UTD.			
"	29—Manchester Utd.			
May	1—NOTTM. FOR. (2.30 p.m.)			
"	3—PRESTON (7 p.m.)			
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Aug. 27	- Sheff. U.	Walkden Metals
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Oct. 1	- Stoke City	Walkden Metals
Oct. 4	- Blackburn R.	Walkden Metals
Oct. 15	- Mansfield T.	Walkden Auto Centre
Oct. 29	- Luton T.	Walkden Metals
Nov. 12	- Charlton A.	Walkden Auto Centre
Nov. 26	- Spurs	Walkden Metals
Dec. 10	- Cardiff C.	Walkden Metals
Dec. 26	- Notts. C.	Barrs
Jan. 2	- Burnley	Walkden Metals
Jan. 21	- Hull City	Walkden Auto Centre
Feb. 11	- Sunderland	Walkden Metals
Mar. 4	- Brighton	Walkden Metals
Mar. 18	- Southampton	Walkden Metals
Mar. 25	- Blackpool	Walkden Metals
Apr. 1	- Orient	Walkden Auto Centre
Apr. 15	- Bristol R.	Walkden Metals
Apr. 18	- Crystal P.	M. Cull
Apr. 29	- Fulham	Walkden Metals

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D—Everton v Ipswich
E—Leicester v Birmingham
F—Man. City v West Brom
G—Norwich v Man. Utd.
H—Notts. For v Leeds
I—QPR v Coventry
J—West Ham v Derby
K—Wolves v Middlesbro.
L—

SECOND DIVISION

M—Brighton v Spurs
N—Burnley v Cardiff
O—C. Palace v Orient
P—Hull v Fulham
Q—Mansfield v Blackburn
R—Millwall v Blackpool
S—Sheffield U. v Charlton
T—Southampton v Oldham
U—Stoke v Luton
V—Sunderland v Notts. Co.
W—
X—Chester v Bury

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1. McDONAGH, Jim
2. JONES, Paul
3. DUNNE, Tony
4. GREAVES, Roy
5. WALSH, Mike
6. ALLARDYCE, Sam
7. MORGAN, Willie
8. WHATMORE, Neil
9. GOWLING, Alan
10. REID, Peter
11. WORTHINGTON, Frank

Sub: THOMPSON, Peter

BRISTOL R.

Shirts: Yellow

Shorts: Yellow

1. THOMAS, Martin
2. AITKEN, Peter
3. BATER, Phil
4. DAY, Graham
5. TAYLOR, Stuart
6. PRINCE, Frankie
7. BARRY, Mike
8. GOULD, Bobby
9. PULIS, Tony
10. WHITE, Steve
11. RANDALL, Paul

Sub:

Referee:

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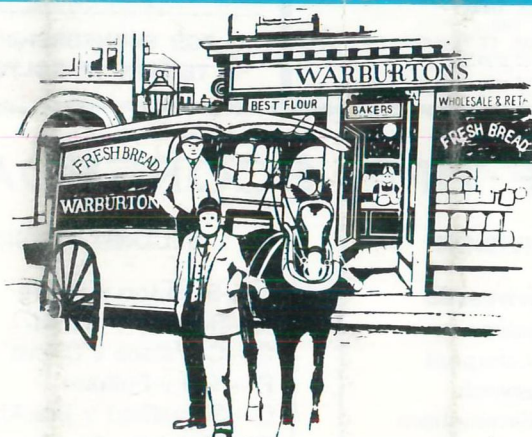
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